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**30 blocks
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walks'**

Garneau resident Victoria Jones stands outside Garneau Elementary, which is just blocks from her home. On voting day, however, she will be sent 30 blocks away to vote. RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

Voters face trek to poll

ALBERTA ELECTION

Residents sent out of riding to cast ballots



Residents of a central Edmonton neighbourhood will be sent more than 30 blocks away to cast their ballots on May 5.

Elections Alberta has changed the election poll location for people in parts of Garneau from within the neighbourhood to a school that's five kilometres away and isn't in the riding.

Some are unimpressed.

Victoria Jones said she didn't believe the change when she first saw that she would have

to vote at St. Martin Elementary school, which is at 51 Avenue and 113 Street.

"I was talking to a neighbour and he said that has to be a mistake. When I have two polling stations within four blocks of me, it's weird that I will be sent 30 blocks away to a place that's not even within the riding."

Jones said both Garneau Elementary and the Knox Metropolitan Church are being used as polling stations and would be much more convenient.

Drew Westwater, with Elections Alberta, said the added distance should not be a major hindrance to voting.

"Nobody walks to polls anymore. Instead of driving a couple blocks, they will drive a few more blocks. I don't see how that would impact voter turnout, to be honest," he said.

Westwater added the usual



The turnout is going to be terrible.

Victoria Jones

polling station in the area wasn't available and Elections Alberta didn't have a lot of choices.

"We have to find 6,000 polling stations in five days when the election is called. When our first choice doesn't come up, the second thing that comes up, we allocate to that."

But Jones said Westwater is wrong about driving to the polls.

"We have a high concentration of students and they don't drive," she said. "The turnout is going to be terrible, and Elections Alberta should be encouraging turnout."

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Buying homes in three dimensions

TECHNOLOGY

NAIT class project turns into virtual open houses

Lucy Haines
For Metro | Edmonton

How about shopping for a house or condo using 3D views of every angle of a home?

A new NAIT grad has parlayed a class project into a company that does just that — an Alberta first — and realtors and homebuilders are taking notice.

"There are about 10,000 realtors and 19,000 listings in Alberta, so any way you can differentiate yourself from the competition is a plus," said Jesse Tutt, a Red Deer native who finished an online degree at NAIT, one course at a time, while he worked full time in the field.

Launching the company, 3D Scan Experts, with personal savings, Tutt and a few staffers in Edmonton, Calgary and Red Deer use 3D models of the interiors of houses, condos and commercial buildings to allow a client to virtually "walk" through a property or zoom out for an overhead "dollhouse" view.



NAIT graduate Jesse Tutt has turned a 3D scanner school project into a business, offering unique virtual tours for the real estate business and beyond. CONTRIBUTED

"It saves time for buyers, who don't have to drive to five or 10 houses in an evening," said Tutt. "I have one client who is marketing a multi-million-dollar property inter-

nationally using the 3D scan." Realtor Ryan Boser said little things make a home stand out in a buyers mind, like the smell of bakin or curb appeal. "Every bit helps when you're

seeing so many properties," he said.

"I hope that ultimately, my company will help change the game — to market properties in different ways," Tutt said.

IN BRIEF

City council greenlights carbon-reduction strategy

Edmonton city councillors have passed a plan to reduce the city's carbon footprint by 35 per cent by 2035.

Councillors unanimously endorsed the plan for a lower-carbon future that includes more focus on expanded bike infrastructure, as well as incentives for energy efficiency and solar panels in homes.

Council's endorsement of the strategy means the city can actually work towards implementing the plan now, and Coun. Michael Walters said that is where the work will really begin.

"All the things we do from here on in are going to be even more important."

RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

Man dies after being crushed by gravel, sand

An Edmonton man, buried last week under a load of gravel and sand, has died.

Mayor Don Iveson released a statement Wednesday expressing his condolences for the city employee.

"Our thoughts are with the employee's family and friends at this time and we respect that they have asked for their privacy," Iveson said in an emailed statement.

The 37-year-old man was unloading his truck at a dump site near 56 Street on April 22, when the truck's gate did not open. He went around to the back of the truck when the gate unexpectedly opened and crushed him under gravel and sand cleaned off city streets. METRO

Investigation launched after trench collapses on worker

Fire rescue crews pulled the body of a 55-year-old Edmonton man from a trench Wednesday morning, after he was buried alive by clay and mud at a west Edmonton construction site.

Fire and Rescue Services were called to the scene near 123 Street and 107 Avenue Tuesday at around 5 p.m., when the 12-foot trench the man was working in collapsed on top of him.

According to Occupational Health and Safety, the man worked for the Bissell Centre Temporary Labour Agency and had been contracted by Sahib Contracting to dig the trench for Haya Homes.

Occupational Health and Safety has now started their investigation, which can take up to two years to complete, said spokesman Brookes Merritt. LEAH HOLOIDAY/METRO

Six arrested in drug bust

Six people are facing drug charges after police searched two city homes and found nearly \$400,000 worth of drugs.

The Alberta Law Enforcement Response Team raided two Edmonton homes on April 23, confiscating 423 grams of cocaine, 488 grams of MDMA and 568 fentanyl pills, along with marijuana.

Five Edmontonians were arrested, along with one man from Kelowna. Police believe the local bust is connected with drug suppliers in Kelowna and were able to search the homes as a drug shipment was delivered to one of the homes. METRO

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BUSINESS

Auctions enjoy slow economy

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The spring auction sees some 2,000 items bought and sold each day over the four-day sale.

"The downturn in the energy sector is having an impact, with more oil-field equipment up for auction, while the U.S. exchange rate brings in the U.S. buyers and their greater purchasing power," said Randy Wall, president for Ritchie Bros. Canada.

About a third of goods at Ritchie Bros. auctions leave Alberta for U.S. or overseas destinations.

While Wall calls Ritchie Bros. the New York Stock Exchange of equipment space — a mirror of the surrounding economy — other auction houses aren't seeing the benefits.

The company also holds auctions for cars, renovation materials, City of Edmonton goods and restaurant equipment.

"We need the potential buyers to make a good auction. If the economy is suffering, then no one is buying what you're selling," LUCY HAINES/METRO

Parents fight funding cuts

EDUCATION

Petition lobbies against budget rollbacks



Leah Holoiday
Metro | Edmonton

Mandy Jones wants politicians to stop thinking about children as numbers.

On the eve of the provincial election, the Edmonton mom of two has taken her crusade online, launching a petition to lobby against the province's recent budget rollbacks.

On Tuesday, Edmonton public-school trustees approved a grim update to their annual budget that included a \$15-million shortfall for new enrolment, along with cuts of approximately \$28 million to programming.

Jones said she's seen first-



I think classes, particularly in the southwest, have always been an issue.

South Edmonton public-school trustee Nathan Ip

hand the effect of funding rollbacks at her own children's school, Brander Gardens.

"We have a very diverse population of students at our school," said Jones. "It's very diverse in terms of the needs of our students, and I don't think that's being recognized fully by the

government."

While Jones expects trouble ahead for her neighbourhood, she said they aren't alone.

"The entire south side of Edmonton is over capacity in our schools, and I think we're starting to feel the pinch now with classroom sizes increasing to the

point of kindergarten (classes) with 30-plus students," she said.

South Edmonton public-school trustee Nathan Ip said he's hearing from more and more parents concerned about what funding cuts mean to their children's education.

"I think classes, particularly in the southwest, have always been an issue. I think what's different now is there is a palpable sense of tension and call to action I haven't experienced before," he said.



Mandy Jones and Claire Wilde are lobbying the provincial government to reinstate funds cut from education during the spring budget. LEAH HOLOIDAY/METRO



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Party leaders talk transit cash

PROJECTS

Funding needs commitment from cities, the province



Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Edmonton

The recently unveiled federal budget includes \$1 billion a year for transit projects by 2019. While a significant investment, the funding requires the provincial and municipal government to commit money for cities to build actual transit.

Mayor Don Iveson said in a speech to the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce on Monday that he would like to know where provincial parties stand on this issue.

If Edmonton or Calgary were to apply for funding from the federal program, could they count on a matching investment from a provincial government?

We asked each party (that got back to us):



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NDP Leader Rachel Notley

"We welcome greater federal funding for transit and would make every effort to move to matching funds following negotiations with the city and the federal government."

"We have committed to expanded provincial funding for transit in our election platform so the partnership involving the three levels of governments would be important and welcome progress."



Liberal Leader David Swann

"Absolutely. Alberta Liberals would earmark 50 per cent of a reformed carbon levy, based on volume not intensity, to go towards a municipal transportation fund. Phased in over four years, it is estimated that in Year 4, it will generate roughly \$900 million annually for the municipal transportation fund, of which one-third would go to the city of Calgary, one-third would go to metro Edmonton, and one-third to smaller towns and municipalities. That's \$300 million a year for LRT funding every year for each big city or three kilometres of LRT track per year."



PC Leader Jim Prentice

"We have been major funders of city transit and LRT in particular, through infrastructure grants and GreenTrip. This includes ongoing funding in this budget. We will be working with the cities on how these programs will evolve in the coming years. Urban transit will be a major part of our future discussions given their importance to our growing cities. Ensuring that we keep progress with the new federal program will be part of our ongoing discussions."



Wildrose Leader Brian Jean

"Wildrose isn't just offering standard lines about partnering with municipalities. Wildrose has committed to increased, no-strings attached funds, so municipalities can be leaders in securing the priorities of their communities."

"Between the additional funding Edmonton will get from MSI and the Regional Infrastructure Fund, we are confident Edmonton will have the funds it needs to take part in this federal program."

+ BACKGROUND

West-end LRT dependent on several factors

If all goes well with provincial and federal dollar commitments for the west end portion of the Valley Line LRT, the city could see construction starting on the \$1.5 billion project by 2020 at the earliest, says one city official.

Several factors, like commitment from other levels of government and finding funds locally, are major hurdles for when shovels can hit the ground for the west end LRT.

"We need to know that the 2017 provincial budget would say, 'Here's money in place and it's going to be ongoing from this point on,'" said Coun. Andrew Knack.

If money is in place, city officials say construction could only happen after council has given it a green light. "Following approval from city council, it would take roughly two years before we could start construction on the west leg of the Valley Line," said Wayne Mandryk, with the city's transit department.

STEPHANIE DUBOIS/METRO



PUBLIC NOTICE

Temporary Closure of 17 Street Over Sherwood Park Freeway

As part of the Northeast Anthony Henday Drive project, the 17 Street/Sherwood Park Freeway interchange is being reconstructed to a full diamond interchange, with two new bridges replacing the existing bridge. These improvements will enhance safety and capacity in preparation for increased traffic expected when the Edmonton Ring Road is completed in fall 2016.

This is an advanced notification that the 17 Street bridge over Sherwood Park Freeway will be closed from May 1, 2015 to September 30, 2015*. The closure is required to demolish the existing 17 Street bridge and reconstruct the interchange at 17 Street in its entirety. A temporary traffic intersection will be constructed where the old 76 Avenue flyover was, to assist the flow of traffic in the area. The 17 Street closure and reconstruction will be done in 5 separate stages.

When completed in the fall of 2016, the 17 Street interchange will provide the general public with an uninterrupted commute for the City of Edmonton and Sherwood Park to the 17 Street Area, with improved access as a full diamond interchange.

For traffic updates on this project, visit the Northeast Anthony Henday Drive Project website at www.northeastanthonyhenday.com and follow @NEAHCityLink on Twitter.

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ELECTION 2015 PC CANDIDATE CONTROVERSY, VOTER PANEL WEIGHS IN, AND MORE

Metro Edmonton has been speaking with voters every week about their views on the campaign. **THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:**

Did the campaign help you decide how to vote?

It helped me consider one choice a lot more than I had initially. At the beginning I was pretty sure I knew who I was going to vote for and the campaign turned me on to another candidate.

This is the first time I felt in a really long time that any left party has brought something to the table that is feasible and had people stand up and listen.

Unless somebody hasn't been paying attention I don't think there is a chance to go to the polls and say they don't know the platform or the reasons the group will be voting for.



Eric Domond, 32
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Douglas Stewart, 33
Entrepreneur

PROFILE

Can Jean win as an unknown?



Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Edmonton

Brian Jean knows well the challenge in front of him as he attempts to lead the Wildrose into government.

"Who the heck is Brian Jean?" the Wildrose leader jokes most people ask themselves when they hear his name.

Selected as leader just weeks before the election got underway, Jean has had to introduce

himself to Albertans and his party, while simultaneously trying to get their votes.

Jean, one of 11 siblings, grew up in Fort McMurray and said he believes he has managed to introduce himself to people during this campaign.

"I am very proud to be from Alberta. I am very proud to be one of the guys and just a normal guy from Alberta," he said.

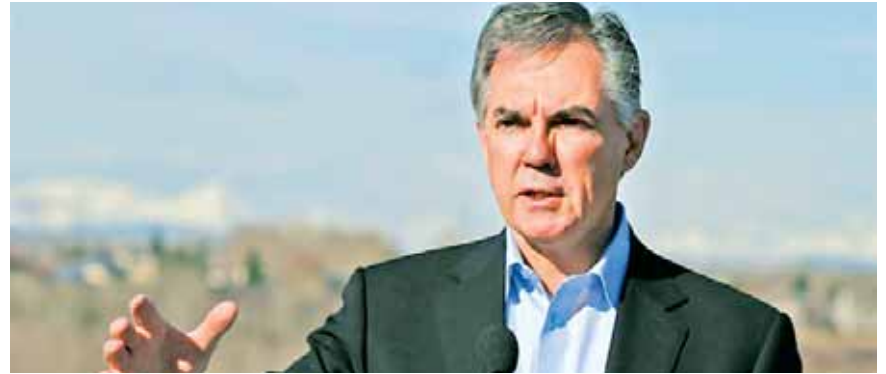
Before becoming an MP in 2004, Jean was a business owner and a lawyer in Fort McMurray.

In 2005, he voted against same-sex marriage, speaking instead in favour of Canada recognizing civil unions. Jean said he has changed his mind about the issue since.

"My thinking has evolved and I think most Canadians' thinking has evolved," he said.

He also emphasized his party isn't interested in these debates.

"Those things that divide Albertans are not things we are going to bring forward to legislate on."



Jim Prentice has faced continued questions about the disqualification of Jamie Lall over an eight-year-old restraining order. LARRY MACDOUGAL/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Prentice: Lall 'not acceptable'

PC PARTY

Ex-campaign manager gets behind rejected candidate



Jeremy Nolais
Metro | Calgary

Progressive Conservative Leader Jim Prentice defended a candidate previously convicted of soliciting a prostitute while on a government trip as his party faced continued questions about the disqualification of another over an eight-year-old restraining order.

Prentice told News Talk 770 in Calgary that Mike Allen, the party's incumbent MLA and candidate in Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, has "fulfilled his responsibilities to society" and owned up immediately to what he did. Allen was caught and charged during a 2013 undercover sting

operation in Minnesota.

The case is unlike that of Jamie Lall, Prentice said, as he and party executives claim Lall didn't come clean about a restraining order obtained against him by an ex-girlfriend in 2007.

"(The restraining order) alone, from my perspective, means that he's not acceptable as a candidate for my political party, clearly," Prentice told the show's hosts. "The second reason is that he was not forthright with the nomination committee who interviewed him about that. Two strikes."

Lall, however, has disputed the party claims and on Tuesday supplied an email that indicates he offered the phone number of the woman who obtained the order to a party private investigator.

Lall said the woman is now his "biggest supporter" and she has told reporters they are "diplomatically civil."

Support grew behind Lall on Wednesday, as former campaign manager Pat Walsh said the party was made aware of the restraining order prior to

Lall's run in Calgary-Buffalo in 2012. Walsh conceded he has no proof of conversations with party brass about the order, but said he would swear to such claims in court if and when matters proceed there.

"I will defend Jamie on this until the end of time," he said.

Lall supporters have alleged the party dug up dirt on him to run him out of the nomination race in Chestermere-Rocky View and, in turn, acclaim Wildrose defector Bruce McAllister.

Walsh, meanwhile, revealed that Lall didn't disclose a separate incident involving charges against him in 2009 after he allegedly made harassing phone calls to a young woman. Walsh said he was "upset" about that, but noted Lall was granted a conditional discharge and wasn't sure if it would have changed his mind to manage his campaign.

"There's no criminal record here in all these things, there's no record of it," he said. "Jamie doesn't even have a mugshot."

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EDUCATION

Parties divided on percentage grades



Classroom competition would be boosted by returning to percentage grades in middle school, says the leader of the Wildrose, but fellow provincial election frontrunners believe decisions on assessment are best left to educators.

The opposition Wildrose,

which some recent polls have put in a surprising lead position over the Progressive Conservatives, have pledged to develop a consistent grading scheme for Grades 5 to 12 and to support teachers who dole out zero grades for incomplete work.

"I've found myself, in my own life, I perform better when I understand what I'm going to receive as a grade at the end of the day and to com-

pete against other students," said party leader Brian Jean, who's taught quantitative methods and business law at the university level.

"That's really what it is, a competition among the other students in the class and the teacher picks the best student and assigns a particular grade."

Currently, grading schemes appear to vary among school boards.

In Edmonton, the city's Catholic board grades students in Kindergarten to Grade 6 through an achievement system, while students in Grades 7 to 12 receive percentage grades. Edmonton public allows schools to choose how students are graded, whether they receive a letter, percent or achievement marks, up to Grade 9. High school students only receive percentage grades.



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Airbnb not on the city's radar yet

LODGING

But some officials say enforcement needed



Stephanie Dubois
Metro | Edmonton

Hosts and guests who use the popular accommodations website, Airbnb, to make or save money in lieu of hotels in Edmonton don't have to worry — yet — about potential user fees or taxes. But some officials say it's a "serious issue" that nonetheless needs to be enforced.

"It needs to be addressed ... because there are certain aspects of how Airbnb operates that should be under the microscope of the government to ensure more fair competition with the rest of the accommodation sector," said Dave Kaiser, president and CEO of the Alberta Hotel and Lodging Association.

Kaiser said Airbnb is concerning because there is a lack of accountability when it comes to issues like fire safety. Further, the fees associated with hosting that the rest of the hotel and motel industry must pay are not collected from Airbnb hosts.

Crackdowns are becoming increasingly common. In August, the Town of Banff began scouring websites looking for people illegally renting their home or room because of the negative effect it was having on hotels and other accommodations there. And just this week, the Quebec government announced it is eyeing tougher enforcement, with an accommodation tax and a fee for Airbnb hosts, as well as a user fee, all floated by the province's tourism officials.

If the bill is passed, Quebec would be the first Canadian province to crack down on the accommodation website. San Francisco has also attempted to get more detailed information from hosts and ensuring hotel taxes are paid.

Edmonton officials say Airbnb is hard to investigate due to the large volume of general housing complaints that the city already receives.

"Right now, we're not going to pursue active enforcement," said Gail Hickmore, general supervisor for development and zoning services with the city.

Alberta government officials wouldn't comment Wednesday on what they say is a "policy issue," due to the upcoming election.

As of Wednesday afternoon, there were 280 rentals listed for Edmonton on the Airbnb website.

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Citizenship gift bags 'odd': MP

CEREMONY

Adam Vaughan says 'product placement' not a sensible fit

Some got to go to an NHL game. Others got free coffee. Still more got maple syrup — or those most coveted gifts of all: pens, mugs and key chains.

The response that Citizenship and Immigration Canada provided to an inquiry by Toronto Liberal MP Adam Vaughan show the types of gifts handed out to newly minted Canadian citizens at their oath-taking ceremonies vary widely across the country.

"It's like the lottery. If your citizenship comes up during the hockey season, you might get free tickets. If it comes up in the summer, you might just get packed into a church base-

ment. There doesn't seem to be any rhyme or reason to the largesse," Vaughan said Wednesday.

Vaughan told Torstar News Service that his query stemmed from his staff attending a citizenship ceremony held at the Air Canada Centre last year and noticing the new Canadians were receiving Maple Leafs jerseys and tickets to the game along with their right to get a passport and vote.

"It just seemed odd that it suddenly had this sort of gift-bag component to it — that the ceremony itself wasn't significant enough," said Vaughan.

"There are a lot of Tim Hortons (gift cards) and maple syrup," he said.

The response also included a list of third-party sponsors as well as locations outside government facilities where citizenship ceremonies took place, including many schools,



Adam Vaughan, a Liberal MP in Toronto, was surprised when he learned that new Canadians have been receiving gift bags at their citizenship ceremonies, including Maple Leafs jerseys and game tickets. GETTY IMAGES

parks, sports arenas, museums and a salmon festival in Richmond, B.C.

"It's a citizenship ceremony, and I think it should be a fairly solemn and momentous occasion in someone's life. It just seems strange that it has been reduced to a sort of photo op, a product-placement opportunity," said Vaughan.

Vaughan said he found it especially odd given the Conservative government has spoken about the importance of the moment when defending its decision to ban the wearing of the face-covering niqab while swearing the citizenship oath.

"You can't show your culture, but corporate culture can be rained down upon you. It's a

very ambiguous set of messages that are sent," Vaughan said.

A spokesman for Citizenship and Immigration Minister Chris Alexander did not grant an interview to Torstar on Wednesday but emailed a statement saying the government wants to make ceremonies memorable.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

EARTHQUAKE

Canadians flown out of Nepal

An RCAF plane carrying approximately 100 people who survived a massive earthquake in Nepal arrived in New Delhi late Wednesday, the Canadian government said.

On board the C-17 transport were both Canadians and people from other countries, while an additional 70 Canadians have since left Nepal on commercial flights, Foreign Affairs Minister Rob Nicholson said in a statement. The plane arrived in Kathmandu, the Nepalese capital, early Wednesday morning, carrying elements of the government's Disaster Assistance Response Team to assist in the crisis.

A second C-17 is also on the way, carrying 51 Canadian Forces members and supplies to be used by the response team in the aftermath of last weekend's quake.

The plane will then be used to get more people out of the country, the government says.

In 2013, more than 12,000 Canadians visited Nepal, according to that country's tourism agency, most for holidays or mountaineering expeditions.

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Prisons don't breed extremism: Study

CORRECTIONS

Radicalized inmates more likely visible minorities

Federal prisons are not the hotbeds of radical extremism some make them out to be, according to research by the Correctional Service of Canada.

And compared to other inmates, radicalized offenders are more likely to have moderate-to-high potential for rejoining society.

The preliminary findings emerge from an ongoing, multi-year collaboration between the prison service and Defence Research and Development Canada aimed at developing a solid basis to assess and manage jailed extremists.

The Canadian Press used the Access to Information Act to obtain a 2014 summary of a series of academic studies undertaken by the Correctional Service's research branch. Internal notes suggest the presentation, Radicalized Offenders, was prepared for the deputy ministers' committee on



The medium-security Matsqui prison in Abbotsford, B.C. is seen in this file photo. Federal prisons are not the hotbeds of radical extremism some make them out to be, according to research by the Correctional Service of Canada. RICHARD LAM/THE CANADIAN PRESS

national security.

"Though concern over the spread of violent ideologies has been expressed, this concern is supported by limited qualitative, anecdotal evidence," says the presentation.

"Researchers have concluded

that many of those who adopt extremist Islamist ideologies during incarceration often disregard these beliefs upon release."

However, the presentation adds, there is a need for a greater understanding of just how susceptible inmates are to being

radicalized behind bars.

One of the gunmen in the bloody attack on Paris-based satirical magazine Charlie Hebdo last January had come under the sway of a convicted terrorist while in prison — the sort of incident that has fuelled

concern about the spread of radical ideas in jail.

As of this month, there were 19 offenders in Canadian federal prisons who had at least one affiliation with an extremist or terrorist organization, including racial extremists, the Correctional

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As of this month, there were 19 offenders in Canadian federal prisons who had at least one affiliation with an extremist or terrorist organization, the Correctional Service says.

Service says. Of these, nine had been convicted of at least one terrorism-related offence.

Researchers found that compared to other inmates, radicalized offenders are less likely to be Canadian citizens and more likely to belong to a visible minority group. They are also younger, better educated, more likely to have a history of stable employment and less likely to have had previous tangles with the criminal justice system. Radicalized offenders also have fewer mental health issues and problems with substance abuse.

Overall, they are more likely "to be assessed as having moderate-to-high reintegration potential," the presentation says.

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Space station won't receive its supplies

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Provisions will last despite lost food, clothes, water shipment

A Russian supply capsule that went into an uncontrollable spin after launch was declared a total loss Wednesday, but astronauts at the International Space Station said they will get by without the delivery of fresh food, water, clothes and equipment.

"We should be OK," NASA astronaut Scott Kelly assured The Associated Press. "I think we're going to be in good shape."

Kelly and Russian Mikhail Kornienko, the space station's one-year crew members, said during an interview that flight controllers had given up trying to command the cargo carrier. NASA and the Russian Space Agency later confirmed the news.

The unmanned Progress vessel, bearing three tons of goods, began tumbling when it reached orbit Tuesday, after



American astronaut Scott Kelly and Russian cosmonaut Mikhail Kornienko, left, are interviewed aboard the International Space Station on Wednesday. NASA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

it launched from Kazakhstan.

The head of Roscosmos, Russia's space agency, Igor Komarov, cited a lack of pressure in the main block of the propulsion system in the decision to abort the mission.

Kelly said the craft will fall out of orbit and re-enter the atmosphere. Russian reports indicated a re-entry possibly

next week. The capsule is expected to burn up harmlessly in the atmosphere, as is the case for all Progress carriers, once they have delivered their shipments and are filled with trash.

Six people currently live on the space station: two Americans, one Italian and three Russians. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MESSENGER

Probe's trip to end with a bang

NASA's Mercury-orbiting spacecraft, Messenger, is going out with a bang this week, adding a hefty crater to the little planet closest to the sun.

The first spacecraft to circle Mercury, Messenger is expected to slip out of orbit and slam into Mercury on Thursday following a successful four-year tour of the rocky planet.

The spacecraft will be travelling 14,081 km/h when it hits, fast enough to carve out a crater 16 metres wide.

The spacecraft itself stretches 3 metres solar wingtip to wingtip.

Messenger has run out of fuel, but ground controllers managed in recent weeks to eke out some extra life, raising its orbit by dipping into

helium gas reserves not originally intended for use as fuel.

But now that's all gone and Messenger is at the mercy of gravity.

"I guess the end is coming," the Messenger team said via Twitter earlier this week. "After 10 years, spacecraft will end life as just another crater on Mercury's surface."

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NIGERIA

Rescued girls need psychological care

Some of the nearly 300 girls and women freed from Nigeria's military from the forest stronghold of Boko Haram were so transformed by their captivity that they opened fire on their rescuers, and experts said Wednesday they would need intensive psychological treatment.

The military was flying in medical and intelligence teams to evaluate the former captives, many of whom were severely traumatized, said army spokesman Col. Sani Usman.

He said earlier that none of the schoolgirls kidnapped from

the northeastern town of Chibok a year ago appeared to be among the 200 girls and 93 women rescued Tuesday. But on Wednesday he said further screening was needed before their identities could be determined.

A counsellor who has treated other women freed from Boko Haram said some had become indoctrinated into believing the group's Islamic extremist ideology, while others had established strong emotional attachments to militants they had been forced to marry.

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Aid reaches villages near quake centre

NEPAL

Long lines for buses out of Kathmandu

The first supplies of food aid began reaching remote, earthquake-shattered mountain villages in Nepal on Wednesday, while thousands clamoured to board buses out of Kathmandu, either to check on rural relatives or for fear of spending yet another night in the damaged capital.

Frustration over the slow delivery of aid boiled over in a protest in the city, with about 200 people facing off with police and blocking traffic.

The protest was comparatively small, and no demonstrators were detained. But it reflected growing anger over bottlenecks that delayed much-needed relief four days after the powerful earthquake that killed more than 5,000 people, injured

twice that many and left tens of thousands homeless. Police, meanwhile, arrested dozens of people on suspicion of looting or causing panic by spreading rumours of another big quake.

Helicopters finally brought food, temporary shelter and other aid to hamlets north of Kathmandu in the mountainous Gorkha District near the epicentre of Saturday's 7.8-magnitude quake. Entire clusters of homes there were reduced to piles of stone and splintered wood. Women greeted the delivery with repeated cries of "We are hungry!"

While the death toll in the village of Gumda was low — five people were killed and 20 were injured among 1,300 residents — most had lost their homes and desperately needed temporary shelter. Adding to residents' misery was the rain that has fallen periodically since the quake and hampered helicopter aid flights.

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Volunteers carry bags of food from a cargo truck to an aid helicopter in Majuwa village, near the epicentre of Saturday's massive earthquake, in the Gorkha District of Nepal on Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

warned that it will take time for food and other supplies to reach more remote communities that have been cut off by landslides. "More helicopters, more personnel and certainly more re-

lief supplies, including medical teams, shelter, tents, water and sanitation and food, are obviously needed," said the program's Geoff Pinnock.

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LAW REFORM

U.S. court rulings create double standard for 'high crime' areas

When police spotted Freddie Gray and he took off running through his Baltimore neighbourhood, officers made a split-second decision to give chase, setting in motion his death in custody and rioting in the streets.

Fleeing from police is not, by itself, illegal in America, and the U.S. Supreme Court has made it clear that in safe neighbourhoods, people not suspected of criminal activity can ignore a police officer who approaches

them, even to the point of walking away. But courts have set a different standard for places where street crime is common, ruling that police can chase, stop and frisk people if their location contributes to a suspicion of criminal activity. This double standard is having a major impact as more black men die in encounters with police around the country.

"Folks who are going to be the most intimidated or scared of the

police are the same people in places where the Supreme Court has said, 'If you run from police, that's suspicion,'" said Ezekiel Edwards, director of the Criminal Law Reform Project at the American Civil Liberties Union.

Edwards is among the legal experts who say unprovoked flight shouldn't justify a chase: "If you can walk away, you can run away. It shouldn't matter the speed at which you move away."

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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Australia recalls ambassador as Indonesia executes convicts

Australia said it would withdraw its ambassador to Indonesia after two Australians were among eight drug traffickers executed by the Southeast Asian country on Wednesday, but it was wary of escalating hostilities with its neighbour despite a public outcry.

The executions by firing squad of the eight men — two Australians, four Nigerians, a Brazilian and an Indone-

sian — attracted international condemnation and intense Australian media coverage.

The UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights said given that Indonesia has asked for clemency for its own nationals facing execution in other countries, "it is incomprehensible why it absolutely refuses to grant clemency for lesser crimes on its own territory."

But there was unexpected

joy in the Philippines, where the government won an 11th-hour stay of execution for a Filipina woman also on death row on a drug conviction.

Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott reacted swiftly, announcing that Ambassador Paul Grigson would be recalled this week even before the executions of Myuran Sukumaran, 33, and Andrew Chan, 31, were officially confirmed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Obama cuts back on deportations

ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

Authorities to focus on those who pose security threat

U.S. President Barack Obama has failed to live up to a campaign promise to push through immigration legislation, but he has met a post-election pledge to slow deportations with or without approval from Congress. Since October, the Homeland Security Department has sent home the fewest illegal immigrants since Obama took office in 2009, according to internal government data obtained by The Associated Press.

In fact, with 127,000 removals through the first six months of the government's fiscal year that started in October, the administration is on track to remove the fewest immigrants since the middle of former president George W. Bush's second term in 2006.

Beginning shortly before his re-election in 2012, Obama has taken a series of steps to slow deportations, including creating a program to allow some young immigrants to work in the country for up to two years at a time.

His effort to shield more than 4 million immigrants from deportation by expanding that protection program to the parents of U.S. citizens and legal permanent residents is on hold after a federal judge in Texas blocked its start.

But the legal wrangling and an ongoing standoff with congressional Republicans hasn't stopped the slowdown.

In 2012, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) sent home a record of more than 409,000 immigrants, but since then the agency's work has steadily slowed.

The latest figures, contained in weekly internal reports not publicly reported, show that ICE sent home an average of about 19,730 people a month for the first six months of the budget year.

19,730

The average number of immigrants sent home per month during the first six months of the budget year, which started in October.

If that trend continues, the government will remove about 236,000 by September — the lowest figure since 2006, when 207,776 people were sent home.

As the legal fight over Obama's latest executive action continues, Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson has directed immigration authorities to focus on finding and deporting immigrants who pose a national-security or public-safety threat, those who have serious criminal records and those who have recently crossed the Mexican border.

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Unequal pay 'pure scandal'

EMPLOYMENT

Pope blasts 'machismo' attitudes on family roles

Pope Francis added his voice Wednesday to the feminist anthem of equal pay for equal work, saying it's "pure scandal" that women earn less than men for doing the same job.

Francis also lambasted the attitude of those who blame the crisis in families on women getting out of the house to work. He said such attitudes are a form of "machismo" that shows how men "want to dominate women."

Francis made the comments during his Wednesday general audience, which he has been devoting to different aspects of family life before a big meeting on family issues in October.

Francis said the "radical equality" that Christianity proposes between husband and wife must bear new fruit.

"We should support with decisiveness the right to equal pay for equal work," he said. "Why is it a given that women must earn less than men? No! They have the same rights. The disparity is pure scandal."

Francis has spoken out frequently about how the Catholic Church in general must give greater value to the "feminine genius" and has called for women to take on greater decision-making roles in the church, though he has ruled out women's ordination or



Pope Francis arrives for his weekly general audience in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican on Wednesday. Francis has recently been vocal about wage disparities between men and women for identical work. ALESSANDRA TARANTINO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

having women head Vatican congregations.

Only about 18 per cent of Holy See employees are women, up from 17 per cent four years ago. Currently, only two women hold the rank of undersecretary in a Vatican department.

While speaking out about the need for a greater role for women in the church, the 78-year-old Argentine Jesuit



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Pope Francis

has raised eyebrows with some seemingly tone-deaf comments. He has said Europe in many places resembles

an "infertile" grandmother. He has urged nuns not to be "old maids." And he once welcomed new female members

of the church's most prestigious theological commissions as "strawberries on the cake."

On Wednesday, he came to women's defence. He took the biblical Adam to task for having blamed Eve for having given him the forbidden apple. "It's always the women's fault," Francis said sarcastically. "Poor woman! We must defend women!"

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MCMASTER UNIVERSITY

Female faculty getting pay bump

Female faculty at McMaster University will be getting a raise after a two-year study showed differences in salary between the sexes at the Hamilton school.

The analysis found that female faculty members earned, on average, \$3,515 less than their male counterparts in 2012 and 2013 — even after adjustments were made based on seniority, tenure, faculty and age.

"We should have been addressing this, but the issue has come to the fore, we've addressed it, done the analysis and are making the adjustment," said David Wilkinson, the university's provost and academic vice president.

The pay adjustment will be made on July 1.

Wilkinson said the study ran in parallel to an analysis by faculty member Charlotte Yates who released a report last year that focused on non-salary issues related to women's advancement and inclusion at the school.

"That will stand us in good stead in terms of recruiting better female faculty for the university and finding better ways to support them when they're here," Wilkinson said.

The report also recommended updating the harassment policy, ensuring equitable hiring practices, and leadership opportunities for women.

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Bud Light's owners have apologized for a controversial message on one of its bottle labels. IMGUR

ADVERTISING

Beer company sorry for Bud Light slogan

Bud Light should have kept the word "No" handy in this case.

Anheuser-Busch is apologizing for ad copy that appeared on bottles saying Bud Light removes the word "no" from drinkers' vocabulary.

Photos of the bottles went viral on social media Tuesday with widespread complaints about

the slogan, at a time of national debate about college rape.

"The perfect beer for removing 'no' from your vocabulary for the night," the copy read in full.

The response on social media ranged from crude jokes to criticism that the slogan is part of a culture that tacitly condones sexual assault.

The slogan is part of the brewer's two-year-old "Up for Whatever" campaign. The company says there are waves of the bottle-message campaign that includes more than 140 different messages — with new ones released every few months — intended to "encourage brand engagement." They said this particular

one missed the mark, and the company regrets it.

Other messages on bottles include: "The perfect beer for dropping everything and going to Paris, even if it's the one in Texas" and "The perfect beer for being that guy people know when they say they 'know a guy.'" THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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"How can women stay in a faith that demeans them?"

Feminist. Pro-choice. Pro-gay marriage. Catholic.

For this odd cocktail of beliefs, I've often called myself a "bad Catholic." I've sat uncomfortably in a no man's land between the sometimes discriminatory and tone-deaf doctrine of the church, and the faith that I cherish.

But the wonderfully bull-headed feminist activist American nuns and central characters of the new documentary *Radical Grace* have little time for shame. Their decades-long struggle to drag the Catholic Church into modernity is an act, in the words of Sister Christine Schenk, of "radical faithfulness."

The documentary, which had its world premiere at Hot Docs in Toronto on Tuesday, is a funny, fast-paced window into the battle between U.S. nuns and conservative elements of the Catholic Church over the past four years.

The nuns' aggressive politicking in support of President Barack Obama's Affordable Care Act — which covered family planning — has drawn the ire of U.S. bishops. In 2012, the Vatican condemned the nuns for "radical feminist themes incompatible with the Catholic faith." (If women's equality is "radical," Schenk quips in the film, "guilty as charged.")

The film asks how these women can stay in a faith that demeans their work and questions their spirituality. For that matter, how can I?

But we are far from alone. In the U.S., 60 per cent of Catholics support gay marriage, according to Pew Research polling from 2014. A 2013 Ipsos Reid survey found three-quarters of Canadian Catholics agree women should be ordained as priests, and even more said priests should be able to marry.

The late Sister Jean Hughes, an affable woman who worked with ex-convicts, wonders in the film if she's "propping up an organization that doesn't believe that same things I do."

Or maybe, as U.S. Bishop Thomas Paprocki, appointed by the Vatican to oversee the U.S. nuns, states in misogynistic arrogance, "The question is: Are you still religious? Are you still nuns?"

I put that question to Schenk, but she countered: "Who is drawing the lines?"

"Too many Catholics grew up handing over their own moral conscience decision-making to whatever the Father said," she told me. "That kept them infantile in their faith."

Even progressive Pope Francis — champion of the poor and a more open church — rejects women's ordination.

"He doesn't get it with women, still," Schenk said.

Her vision of the future of my faith is compelling, but the most profound gift of *Radical Grace* is not that. It's these women, their humour and compassion and their guts, corroborating the truth: I do, in fact, belong.

NDP win in West won't bother PM

POLITICS

Chantal Hébert



One does not need to be a particularly astute parliamentary observer to notice the spring in the step of Stephen Harper's MPs these days.

In the wake of a federal budget that they believe will secure the continued allegiance of the voters that gave the party a majority four years ago, the ruling Conservatives are oozing renewed confidence in their re-election prospects.

By the same token, they seem to be taking in stride the unexpected turn of the Alberta election campaign and the possible demise of that province's Conservative dynasty.

It is not that the latest illustration of the time-tested notion that the electorate can undo the best-laid plans of over-confident politicians is not giving some government MPs pause.

Nor are Harper's Conservatives in collective denial over the possibility that the NDP could make a historical breakthrough in their party's heartland.

But federal Conservative discomfort over the Alberta campaign is offset by the fact that — regardless of the outcome of next

week's vote — the dynamics that have turned the election into a three-way battle between the Wildrose, the NDPs and the Tories are not about to be replicated on the federal scene next fall.

What has propelled the Alberta New Democrats to a competitive position is a split on the right between two warring conservative factions, combined with the fact that NDP Leader Rachel Notley decisively dominates her non-conservative competition.

If the recipe sounds familiar, it is a variation on the formula that led to Jean Chrétien's three successive majority victories. The key ingredients at the federal level were the Reform/Tory schism and a federal NDP on its knees after a bruising experience in power in Ontario.

These days the shoe is on the other foot, with three national parties fighting for the territory to the left of a united Conservative party.

A fractured right in Alberta might not bode well for that unity when the time comes to choose a successor to Harper, but it is not a major impediment to the more immediate task of winning a fourth mandate.

Regardless of the ongoing tensions within the Conservative movement, the prime minister can rea-

sonably expect all hands in Alberta to be on deck for his own re-election campaign next fall.

In another contrast with Alberta, the federal Liberals and New Democrats have in Justin Trudeau and Thomas Mulcair leaders with distinct but undeniable skills. That will make it hard for one party to crush the other on the way to uniting non-conservative voters against Harper in the fall.

If the recipe sounds familiar, it's a variation on the formula that led to Chretien's three successive majority victories.

If anything, the campaign developments in Alberta make that federal scenario even less likely.

The emergence of the NDP as a serious contender for government in Alberta reinforces Mulcair's hand at a crucial time in the pre-election calendar.

The Liberal strategy for the fall election is in no small part predicated on driving home the argument that only Trudeau has a fighting chance to beat Harper. With polls reporting a softening in Liberal support nationally,

that narrative has taken a hit this spring.

The Alberta developments compound that hit. They go some way to counter the narrative that there is simply not a critical mass of voters outside Quebec willing to consider the NDP as a credible governing option.

There are some Conservative strategists who feel that anything that is good for the NDP — including a strong showing against Jim Prentice's Tories in Alberta — is also good for Harper. But that is true only up to a certain point.

Four years ago, fears of a surging NDP drove a contingent of Liberal sympathizers into the Conservative fold. Those voters contributed to making the difference between a minority and a majority Harper victory.

Since Trudeau became leader, many have returned home. The less they fear an NDP government, the less likely they are to jump ship to the Conservatives again.

Moreover, in at least some regions of the country, the wall that the Conservatives assume insulates their vote from NDP inroads may be less thick than they believe.

Chantal Hébert is a national affairs writer. Her column appears in Metro every Thursday.

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Her grandfather was a Nazi

GENEALOGY
New book tells of a woman's journey of self discovery
Emily Laurence
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Growing up in Germany, Jennifer Teege knew little about her biological family. Her adoption was open, so she knew the names of her mother and father, and was in sporadic contact with her mother and grandmother until she was seven. But she had little information beyond that.

It wasn't until decades later as an adult that she happened to pull a library book off the shelf, with a photo on the cover that looked vaguely familiar. The book's title, translated to English, was: I Have to Love My Father, Right?, and was written by her biological mother.

Upon realizing the book was about her family history, Teege also shockingly discovered that her grandfather was Amon Goeth, the Nazi commandant who was played by Ralph Fiennes in Schindler's List.

Metro spoke to Teege about her journey of self-discovery and writing her own recently released book, titled My Grandfather Would Have Shot Me.

Do you think growing up in an adoptive family made you more curious about

your family history than you would have been otherwise?
I think in general, when you're adopted, there's a piece missing so you always want to find out more. In my case, I was so obviously (adopted) because of the colour of my skin; I looked different from my adoptive family. So there was a part of my identity that I needed to explore.

What was it like finding the book, when you discovered this big family secret?
It was a twofold shock. First, I had this book in my hand about my mother and I hadn't seen my mother in many, many years. Suddenly this book was telling (a story about) my mother I had no knowledge about. The second shock was actually reading the book and learning about her, my grandmother and my grandfather.

After finding the book, you started researching and even reconnected with your mother. What prompted you to keep digging?
That's my personality. It was impossible for me to stop. I think finding out the truth is something someone should do. If feelings come up, you can't just put them in a closet. It will haunt you or come back to you, like a boomerang.

What was it like reconnecting with your mother?
It took me a year and a half to actually contact my mother because in the very beginning

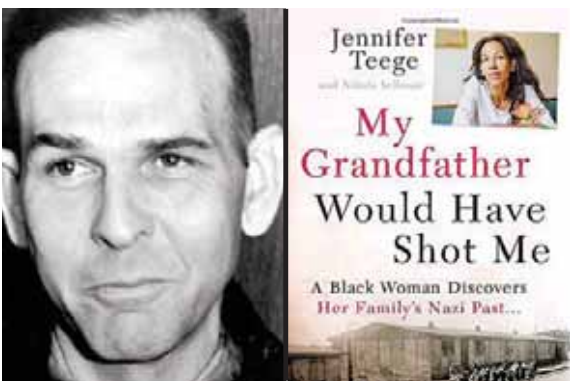


Jennifer Teege, author of My Grandfather Would Have Shot Me, discovered she was the granddaughter of notorious Nazi commandant Amon Goeth. CONTRIBUTED

I was angry. Not only did my mother never tell me that this book existed, I wasn't even in it. But over time, I realized my mother was like this because of her past and upbringing. My mother suffered from the past even more than me because my grandfather was her father. But I think it's important to acknowledge this feeling of anger because if you pretend it's not there, it will always come back.

Have you had any memorable responses to the book?
So many. It was important to

me that the book was published in Israel and when that happened, people received me with open arms. I got a chance to meet with survivors (of the Holocaust) and that was a very important step in my journey. Also, the book is widely talked about in Germany, a place where the Holocaust is not widely discussed within the families. But I don't feel the need to connect to other descendants of perpetrators. Dealing with that is very individual. I don't let (my ancestry) define me. I can't deny it, but it's only one part.



Amon Goeth, left, and the cover of Teege's book. CONTRIBUTED



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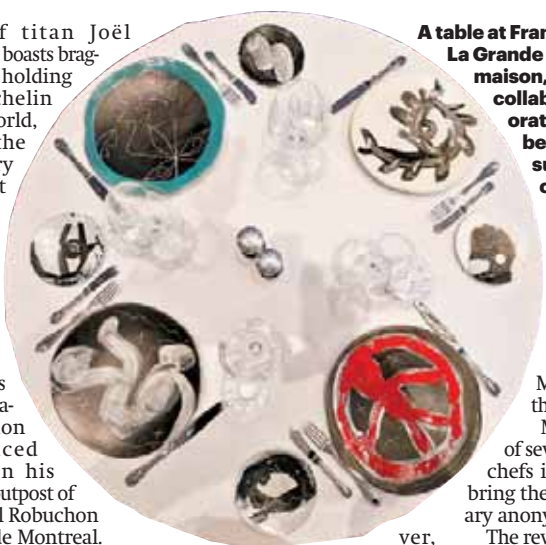
French chef titan Joël Robuchon, who boasts bragging rights to holding the most Michelin stars in the world, has become the latest culinary superstar to set his sights on Canada with the opening of a new restaurant in Montreal.

After Paris, London, Hong Kong, Tokyo, Las Vegas and Singapore, Robuchon has announced plans to open his first Canadian outpost of L'Atelier de Joël Robuchon at the Casino de Montreal.

Citing the city's burgeoning culinary landscape, Robuchon said in a statement that he'd been planning the opening for some time. The Montreal restaurant is set to open its doors in spring of 2016.

In recent years, culinary heavyweights have woken up to Canada's dynamic dining scene and increasingly sophisticated palate.

British food TV star Jamie Oli-



A table at France's La Grande maison, a collaboration between superstar chef Joël Robuchon and wine producer Bernard Magrez. Robuchon, pictured, is opening a restaurant in Montreal. NICOLAS TUCAT/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Momofuku empire to the city in the same year.

Meanwhile, the arrival of several high-profile, elite chefs in Canada could help bring the country out of culinary anonymity.

The reverential red book, the Michelin guide, sends no inspectors to the country, which is also snubbed by the World's 50 Best Restaurants list, a ranking that aims to capture the zeitgeist of the gastronomic world.

To fill the void, local food experts chimed in to create their own domestic ranking, Canada's 100 Best Restaurants, which was published this spring. Topping the list is Toqué! in Montreal.

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ver, for instance, has chosen Toronto to be his first North American restaurant location. Jamie's Italian is set to open this year at Yorkdale Shopping Centre, a major retail complex.

In 2012, Michelin-starred chef Daniel Boulud opened his first Canadian eatery at the Four Seasons in Toronto, while one of New York's favourite young chefs, David Chang, brought his

The Bay unveils patriotic threads

FASHION

Pan Am, Parapan Am line has classic varsity look

Track star Jessica Zelinka and champion para-swimmer Benoit Huot were among the athletes modelling the new collection unveiled by Hudson's Bay Co. on Wednesday in Toronto, the host city for the Pan Am and Parapan Am Games.

The retailer, promoting the threads in a lookbook featuring swimmer Katherine Savard and judoka Sergio Pessoa Jr., was inspired by the Canadian flag's 50th anniversary. The maple leaf symbol was used as a starting point for graphics throughout the line. The 22-piece collection is red and white accented with grey, black and gold.

The line bears similarities to classic varsity sport, while also paying homage to the athleisure trend with garments suitable for both physical activity and everyday casual wear.

The Canada wordmark in a rounded font is prominently displayed on T-shirts, as well as vertically on half-zip jackets and pant legs.

Zip-up red jackets and windbreakers feature the Maple Leaf with stripes on the sleeves. A red-and-white



Swimmer Katherine Savard and judoka Sergio Pessoa Jr. (bottom left) model the Canadian Pan Am Games uniforms.

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fringed rally scarf includes the words En Garde (on guard) in bold white block lettering.

With the exception of a few items, the clothing the athletes will wear will all be produced in Canada.

The replica garments for consumers, however, will be manufactured offshore.

The clothing, priced from \$30 to \$140, is now available in Hudson's Bay stores and online.

The retailer has also designed two limited-edition collections that will be carried in select stores beginning June 1.

Canada is fielding its largest-ever Pan Am Games team of 700 athletes and has set a goal of finishing second in the medals — behind the U.S. — with 160.

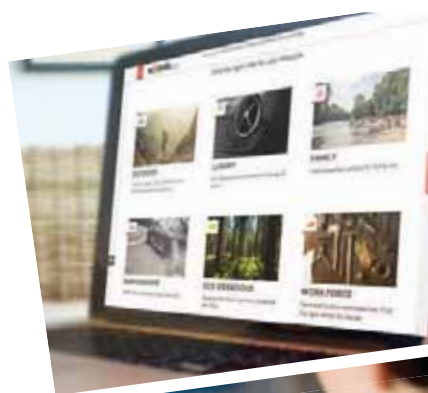
Some 6,600 athletes from 41 countries are scheduled to compete in 36 Pan Am sports — including 28 Olympic sports — plus 15 Parapan Am sports.



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TECHNOLOGY

Parents worried kids are 'hooked'



Parents are concerned that smartphones will reduce their kids' creativity. ISTOCK

Until now, few studies have tackled the question of how technology is affecting family life and new research says parents wonder if their children would be better off without the mobile devices that have become ingrained in the daily regimen.

The research team conducted in-depth interviews in both

one-on-one and small group settings. Caregivers expressed discomfort with the technology in their charges' hands, according to the study, reporting that they felt obliged to purchase tablets for school success. Parents worried about heavy use of the gadgets to the point where they described their children as "hooked" or "addicted." AFP

GLUTEN BEGONE

Canadians may be losing taste for gluten-free foods

After nearly five years of consistent growth and a tripling of sales since 2009, the gluten-free food category declined last year, according to research firm NPD Group.

The Canadian Celiac Association estimates that one in 133 Canadians is affected by celiac disease. But many other Canadians have bought into suggestions that a gluten-free lifestyle can offer anyone health benefits,

including weight loss.

The market responded with a glut of specialty products in supermarkets, but consumers may be tiring of the extra effort and cost that's required to go gluten-free, says Robert Carter of the NPD Group.

"As people started to understand the amount of work it requires to actually be truly gluten-free, I think the benefit started to wane a little bit," says Carter.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Pop that earworm

STUDY

Research says chewing gum is good for getting a song out of head

Scientists call them earworms — the annoying songs that play in our heads — and chewing gum could be the best way to get rid of them, according to a team at the University of Reading in the U.K.

Sometimes called tune wedgies, earworms are a form of involuntary musical memory, says lead author Dr. Philip Beaman.

He says chewing gum is similar to speaking inside your head, the latter of which has been proven to interfere with short-term memory and auditory images.

In the first of three experiments, 44 participants listened twice to the chorus of the song Play Hard by David Guetta featuring Flo Rida and Akon, approximately the first 30 seconds.

They were given no gum, and the first time they were asked to try not to think about the music for three minutes after hearing it, but the next time no such restriction was set.

A computer keyboard was at their disposal in both circumstances and they were asked to press the 'q' key each time they thought of the song.

This was repeated with gum and participants were asked to



Chewing gum could be the best way to stop annoying songs from playing in your head, according to new research. ISTOCK

chew vigorously.

This time, the 'q' key was pressed significantly less.

In the second experiment, 18 participants saw the same conditions with the exception that they were asked to differentiate whether they thought of the song itself or whether it was actually

playing in their heads.

Without the gum the song played significantly more times in participants' heads than with the gum.

The song Payphone by Maroon 5 set the tune for the third experiment where participants were also asked to tap repetitively using their

dominant hand.

Once again, chewing gum proved to be more effective at suppressing earworms, although tapping was found to be better than doing nothing at all.

The study was published in The Quarterly Journal of Experimental Psychology. AFP

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Showing off their stretch marks

BEAUTY

Two moms and an Instagram account are changing body image attitudes

Karly Vedan was 9 when she first noticed stretch marks popping on her legs.

"I grew pretty tall really fast," she said. "They looked really

creepy, like something scratched my knees."

Well, fast forward more than a decade and her lines have lots of company. Before giving birth a year ago to an adorable son, at 35 weeks into her pregnancy, lines had taken over her tummy.

"At first I was just kind of scared," said the 21-year-old Canadian student in Edmonton, Alta. "It looked so weird, like I had a bunch of spider veins all over my stomach ... I asked my doctor about it and they said those are just stretch marks, don't

worry about it."

She heeded that advice and was overjoyed a few months back when she stumbled on an Instagram campaign urging other women to do the same.

The effort that has resonated with Vedan and hundreds of other women was started about seven months ago by moms Alex Elle, a writer, and Erika Layne Salazar, a photographer. Aptly dubbed Love Your Lines, they put up an Instagram account of that name and spread the word for one and all to email them

ONLINE

A sharing space

Love Your Lines has become a rally call for body positivity.

With the promise of anonymity to all who want it, women from around the world are pouring out their seemingly sincerest joys, anxieties and despair over their marks, loose postpartum bellies and battle wounds from valiant fights against cancer.



photos of their stretch marks and how they feel about them, especially in relation to today's idealized standards of skinny, unmarred perfection.

Swamped with images, they're still going strong, giving birth to the popular hashtag LoveYourLines used by posters showing off their own marks on Instagram, Tumblr and elsewhere across social media.

Setting the effort apart from other woman power and esteem-boosting campaigns is the fact that Elle and Salazar transform each image into high-art black and white as a way to avoid distraction from the marks themselves and the stories behind them.

"For me, Love Your Lines was a way to make women feel safe about their bodies," said Elle, in Rockville, Md. "We wanted a platform where women could be themselves. Initially it was just going to be a fine art photography collection where I would be interviewing the women and Erika would be taking the photos. Then it just kind of went crazy."

Some contributors, like Vedan, have allowed themselves to be identified by the posting of their traceable Instagram handles. Others, like a recent nameless submission, have spoken of suicide.

"No man will love me or choose me when there are so many beautiful & lovely women out there," wrote one who submitted a close up of her belly and identified herself as a childless 24-year-old. "I will never be at peace with my lines. My body issues consume me at every waking moment."

Nearly 300 people, at the urging of Elle and Salazar in an accompanying comment, have offered her comments of love and encouragement.

"I feel like we're coming into a time where women are starting to accept that they're beautiful, flaws and all. We're so much more alike than we think," said Elle.

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Karly Vedan, 21, shows off her stretch marks on the beach. She's found a community of other women who embrace their unique marks through Love Your Lines. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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HEALTH NOTES

Instant self-test HIV kit on sale in Britain

Britain's first legally-approved HIV self-testing kit went on sale online on Monday, promising a result in just 15 minutes with a 99.7 percent accuracy rate.

Developers hope the BioSure HIV Self Test will help identify the estimated 26,000 people in Britain who have HIV but do not yet know.

Early diagnosis reduces the risk of passing the disease on to other people and also raises the success rate of modern treatments, which now make the disease manageable.

The kit reacts to antibodies — proteins made in response to the virus — in a drop of the person's blood, producing two purple lines in the event of a positive diagnosis.

AFP

DIABETES

Obesity in pregnancy may put kids at risk

Women who are obese while pregnant may put their offspring at risk of childhood diabetes, a condition that requires lifelong insulin therapy, Swedish researchers said Tuesday.

A study of more than 1.2 million children born in Sweden between 1992 and 2004 and monitored for several years, found a 33 per cent higher risk for the disease among children whose mothers were obese during the first trimester of pregnancy, but were not diabetic themselves.

"Maternal overweight and obesity in early pregnancy were associated with increased risk of Type 1 diabetes in the offspring of parents without diabetes," a team wrote in Diabetologia, the journal of the European Association for the Study of Diabetes.

The highest risk was still for children of parents who had diabetes themselves, the study found. There was no additional risk for children of mothers who were obese on top of having diabetes.

Type 1 diabetes is usually found in children and young people — a chronic condition caused when the pancreas does not produce insulin to control blood sugar levels. It requires lifelong insulin treatment, and constitutes about 10 percent of all diabetes cases — though the number is growing.

And the increase "may partly be explained by increasing prevalence of maternal overweight/obesity," said the study.

People with a BMI (body weight index, a ratio of weight

33%

The study found kids had a 33 per cent increased risk for childhood diabetes when their mothers were obese in the first trimester.

to height) of 25 and higher are classified overweight, and 30 and over are considered obese.

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NO PRESSURE

Drew not having this baby weight nonsense

Two-time mom and long-time actress Drew Barrymore has had it up to here with the focus on how quickly new Hollywood moms can drop the old baby weight. "It takes nine months to build, and it is going to take at least nine months to unbuild. It took a year for me to snap



back, and I am not even there yet," she tells Radar Online. "These pressures are just silly and ridiculous. It think it is just crazy to worry about that." So, you know, stop making everybody look bad, Blake Lively and Zoe Saldana. Sheesh.

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SEQUEL

Bieber hones his Blue Steel for Zoolander 2



Ben Stiller confirmed a big cameo on Instagram. CONTRIBUTED

I was really getting excited about the upcoming Zoolander sequel, but now? I don't know. Ben Stiller confirmed via an Instagram pose-off that Justin Bieber will be making a cameo in the film.

And while no details were provided about his character, I can't help but notice a striking resemblance between the two. And, you know,

Derek Zoolander did have an infant son at the end of the first film — one with some Blue Steel talents of his own. Bieber could totally pass for 15, right? Except that role is already taken by actual teenager Cyrus Arnold. So maybe Papa Zoolander has another, slightly older son he wasn't previously aware of? NED

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THE 'ULTIMATE ORGANIC ICE CREAM,' TAKING TINSELTOWN TO TASK

Got breast milk? Why yes, this ice cream does

As the world stands by for the birth of Prince George's little sibling, a breastfeeding crusader and an ice cream maker are hoping to titillate taste buds with a new breast milk-flavoured



dessert.

Pitched as the "ultimate organic ice cream," Royal Baby Gaga, produced by London-based ice creamery The Licktators, is being relaunched to coincide with the birth.

The ice cream is made with donated breast milk, which producers say is screened in line with hospital standards, and blended with Madagascan vanilla. Campaigner Vic-

toria Hiley, 30, is aiming to promote the health benefits of breast milk and destigmatize the act of breastfeeding in public. AFP

Kristen Stewart slams 'disgustingly sexist' Hollywood

Former Twilight star Kristen Stewart is speaking out about the institutionalized sexism in the entertainment industry, telling Harper's Bazaar U.K.

that "women inevitably have to work a little bit harder to be heard. Hollywood is disgustingly sexist. It's crazy. It's so offensive, it's crazy."

And that's not all she has a problem with. Stewart also takes issue with people who see fame as a career goal. "Fame is the worst thing in the world. Especially if it's pointless," she says. "When people say, 'I want to be famous' — why? You don't do anything." NED EHRBAR/METRO

Alba is all business — deal with it

CORPORATE STYLE

Honest Co. actress says she's made people cry



Ned Ehrbar In Hollywood

You don't build a \$1-billion company without bruising a few egos. When Jessica Alba branched out into the business world with the Honest Company, she admits she may have approached things a bit too aggressively. "Some-

times, I'm a

little more iron fist than velvet glove. I'm straight to the point. I've made people cry," Alba tells MORE magazine about her leadership style. "I have to say, 'This isn't personal. This is what needs to get done and it's just as simple as that. And ... we're not crying anymore.'"

But no one likes tears in a corporate setting, right? "I'm learning to tone myself down," says Alba, who also admits in the interview that her mother calls her "a workaholic control freak." Careful, mom, or she'll make you cry, too.

Speaking of potentially contentious parent-child relationships, the interviewer quizzes Alba on what effect having

two successful careers has on the de-



Jessica Alba is one tough businesswoman. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

development of her two children. "You don't really know how (your career) affects-

ing (your kids) until they're adults and they say, 'You ruined my life, Mom!'" she offers. "Maybe they want me to be a stay-at-home mother who bakes chocolate-chip muffins all day. (But) I'd probably want to start a chocolate-chip muffin company, you know?"

So suck it up and save it for therapy, kids. And no crying!

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That '70s style: era comes back

DESIGN CENTRE

Karl Lohnes



Bold wallpaper, brass metallics, psychedelic patterns, shag carpeting, anything handcrafted (think macramé) and tech-inspired plastic furniture inspire a trend 40 years in the making.



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Kitsch becomes cool

TRENDS

Eye-catching colours and shapes show retro spirit

Between flashy colours, bold shapes and mass-produced materials, the kitsch furniture trend combines a touch of retro style with unbridled exuberance.

Shimmer

For Glas Italia, Spanish designer Patricia Urquiola has created the Shimmer line, which includes coffee tables, shelves and mirrors with an iridescent multi-chromatic finish.

Available in opaque or transparent glass, the pieces change color depending on the viewing angle and surrounding light sources (pricing available on request).

Memphis

Founded in the 1980s by Italian designer Ettore Sottsass, the Memphis Movement emphasized radically colourful and festive designs, representing a radical departure from the



The Colonna and Pilastre stools and Calice vase by Ettore Sottsass, produced by Kartell.

KARTELL

rigorous minimalism of the Bauhaus tradition.

At the Milan Furniture Fair, Kartell paid tribute to Ettore Sottsass through an exhibit and announced it would produce a series of his designs — including stools, a vase and a lamp — all characterized by geometric shapes and flashy colours (pricing available on request).

Glider

For Moroso, Israeli designer

and architect Ron Arad designed the Glider, a rounded sofa made from a single piece of sculpted foam and upholstered in red-to-purple gradient fabric for an out-of-this-world appearance (pricing available on request).

Gemma

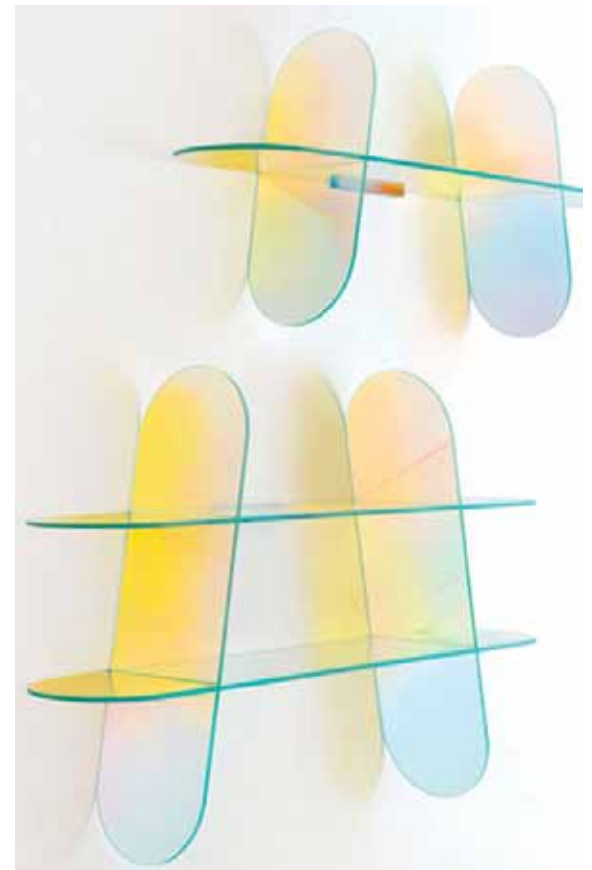
Also for Moroso, Polish-American architect Daniel Libeskind designed the Gemma armchair, a multi-faceted object that calls to mind a gemstone, or the

geometrical shapes seen in the tapestries of the 15th century (pricing available on request).

Mondrian-inspired seating

Dutch designer Marcel Wanders designed an armchair in red, blue, yellow and white foam for the design brand Moooi. With its black outlines, the chair calls to mind the work of the Dutch painter Piet Mondrian (pricing available on request).

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Shelves from the Shimmer collection by Patricia Urquiola for Glas Italia. GLAS ITALIA



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ALBERTA EMERALD AWARDS

Balancing development with environment

The 24th Annual Emerald Awards, that recognize and celebrate dozens of environmental leaders across the province, will be presented on June 4 at the Citadel Theatre in Edmonton.

From big energy producers to small entrepreneurs, the Alberta Emerald Awards showcase projects that demonstrate environmental excellence and set an example for everyone across the province.

Since 1992, the Emerald Awards, administered by the Alberta Emerald Foundation, has shared more than 2,500 examples of creative thinking and innovation in environmental management systems, technologies and education programs. By celebrating this excellence, the Alberta Emerald Foundation is helping to raise public's awareness of the tremendous growth in these different areas in recent years.

Every year, the Alberta Emerald Foundation receives nominations in 10 established cross-sectoral categories. A panel of knowledgeable third-party judges with experience

in a variety of different sectors get together to review the stacks of nominations. The panel chooses a maximum of three nominees in each of the eight Emerald Award categories as finalists. Only one per category will take home the award.

"Every year the Emerald's tell the stories of our most beloved and cherished Albertans, our environmental stewards," says Raquel (Rocky) Feroe, three-year Emerald Award judge. "The Emerald Awards are a great way for anyone with a love for our province to learn from our best."

The Emerald Awards recognize and reward outstanding environmental initiatives undertaken by individuals, not-for-profit associations, large and small corporations, community groups and governments from across Alberta.

"We are the only Foundation in the country to recognize the important work of environmental leaders across all sectors," says Alan Ross, Chair of the Board, Alberta



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Emerald Foundation. "By honouring and elevating the ingenuity, dedication and hard work of these individuals and organizations, we inspire others to follow their example, benefiting all Albertans with a healthier and cleaner environment."

Since its inception 23 years ago, the Emerald Awards has recognized more than 450 finalists and 250 recipients. Over the years, each of the organizations or individuals nom-

inated, made a finalist or awarded a winner of an Emerald Award has, in their own unique and individual way, helped Alberta balance its growth and resource development with the preservation of our environment.

In the face of new and increasing pressures on landscapes across the province, the Alberta Emerald Foundation aims to be the catalyst to raise the expectations and performance of environmental stewardship.

Largest reclaimed wetland in the oil sands

In 2007, Syncrude wanted to transform a tailings structure into a thriving wetland. The oil sands mining company didn't have a lot of information to draw on. But it started out on the ambitious project to learn how to design and incorporate peat-forming wetlands for reclamation in the boreal forests of Northern Alberta.

Syncrude established the interdisciplinary Sandhill Fen Technical Advisory Panel to guide work on the Sandhill Fen Research Watershed Initiative. The Syncrude initiative developed a watershed on 52 hectares

of sand-capped soft tailings in part of what was once a 60-metre deep mine.

They planted more than 100,000 trees and shrubs as well as 21 different mosses on the former mine. All the vegetation was selected to mirror the plants that were growing in the natural fens in the area.

Syncrude finished building the watershed in 2012. The area will be monitored carefully for up to 20 years to track the progress of the largest reclaimed wetland in the oil sands and the first time a landform was built on oil sands tailings.

In nature, fen wetlands can take thousands of years to become established. And while this project is still in its early years, the results have been encouraging.

Studies indicate that peat transplanted from a natural environment is able to grow in a newly-constructed area. As well, native plants have taken seed and are growing all on their own. Furthermore, after a few growing seasons, the Sandhill Fen Watershed is attracting wildlife back to the area.

Syncrude worked with dozens of researchers and scientists from eight

universities across North America on the project, which is producing a lot of important information about improving methods of reclamation of wetlands.

The best practices gleaned from Sandhill Fen project will help with reclamation projects Syncrude and the entire oil sands industry.

The oil sands company is dedicated to furthering reclamation research as part of its overall commitment to return land disturbed by mining to a productive, biologically self-sustaining ecosystem.



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Circle T a pioneer in reclamation practices

The reclamation guidelines for oil and gas companies in Alberta used to be based on the processes that were required to reclaim agricultural lands. So, 25 years ago, when producers would reclaim well sites in upland forests, they'd end up leaving open meadow behind instead of forest. And when they reclaimed well sites in peatlands, they'd leave behind islands of upland forests within the wetlands.

But then Circle T Consulting came along and started addressing construction and reclamation practices associated with energy exploration in boreal Alberta.

"We investigate and encourage practices that are more attuned to the boreal landscape and its ecology, whether forest or peatland," says Terry Osko of Circle T Consulting. "That results in reduced disturbance impacts and more rapid recovery to natural conditions."

The company started large-scale upland and wetland experiments in 2003 and 2007, which have led to science-based recommendations for industry and government as well as improved planning, construction and reclamation best-practices in both upland and wetland environments.

"A number of companies have adopted our recommendations in their practices or used information from our studies to develop programs or strategies for land stewardship," says Osko. "We are very proud of this." Still other organizations have incorporated information from Circle T Consulting in their research projects, and development of programs and best practices.

The Vegreville-based company has also



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developed the collaborative workgroup iFROG (industrial Footprint Reduction Options Group) to reduce the size, intensity and duration of industrial disturbance in Northern Alberta.

Over the years, Circle T Consulting has worked with a number energy and forestry

companies, universities and government agencies. Osko is grateful for their "enthusiastic participation." And he's honoured to be a finalist for an Emerald Award.

"Celebrating environmental achievements with a program like the Emerald Awards is incredibly meaningful because it showcases how

extraordinary things are being accomplished by otherwise ordinary people," he says.

"Life is a gift, as is the abundance of the earth's resources and while re-gifting may be a faux pas in some circles, it is entirely what stewardship is about when it comes to the earth's resources."

Moving the needle on carbon footprint

Mammoet reducing amount of fuel they use

Mammoet Canada Western Ltd, a heavy lifting and transport company, owns and operates cranes, large trucks, light vehicles and self-propelled modular transporters that "move some of the largest loads on the planet from the factory to foundation." And they're also moving the needle on their carbon footprint by reducing the amount of fuel they use to power their equipment.

The company has introduced a number of initiatives: Engines have been substituted with smaller more efficient ones, administrative measures were introduced to reduce the amount of unnecessary idling of the engines when the equipment is not moving. And Mammoet has also invested in integrated Auxiliary Power Pack Units, an engineering solution that has achieved a significant reduction in the idling of large equipment during Alberta's long, cold winters.

"These units allow the engine to be turned off while keeping warm the hydraulics, electronics, fuel, engine, batteries and

operator cab during the cold Alberta winters and cooling the operator's cab in the summer," says Klaas Rodenberg, Quality Advisor at Mammoet.

"This not only saves direct fuel costs and reduces emissions but also extends the intervals between scheduled maintenance of the equipment and the associated resources such as mechanic time, parts, shop space, oil, lubricants and cooling fluids."

Another initiative, installing GPS devices in all their light vehicles, helped Mammoet develop strategies for turning off the engines. "In each of the first three months of 2015 the light vehicle fleet's idling improved over 2014 and the month before," says Rodenberg. The company has a goal of drivers reducing their idling by 20 per cent in 2015.

Mammoet's new facility, which opened in September 2014, consumes 50 per cent less energy and 80 per cent less water. The Edmonton-based firm is committed to managing their resources responsibly and



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reducing or eliminating waste.

"At Mammoet sustainability is more than compliance to environmental regulations; it is a culture of commitment that balances the needs of people, planet, and profit," says

Rodenberg. "Being a finalist at the Emerald Awards shows all of our employees that their efforts and commitment to a sustainable workplace is being recognized in the industry."



Bolts strike down Wings

NHL PLAYOFFS

Bishop, Tampa blank Detroit to advance to second round

Braydon Coburn broke a scoreless tie early in the third period and Ben Bishop made 31 saves to help the Tampa Bay Lightning beat the Detroit Red Wings 2-0 on Wednesday night in Game 7 of the first-round series.

Ryan Callahan set up Coburn's third goal in 79 career post-season games with a pass through the slot to the top of the right circle, where the Tampa Bay defenceman sent a shot over goalie Petr Mrazek's right shoulder.

GAME 7 In Tampa



Anton Stralman added an empty-net goal with 1:18 remaining, ensuring the Lightning would win their first Game 7 at home since they beat Calgary in the 2004 Stanley Cup Final.

Tampa Bay, which rallied from a 3-2 series deficit, advanced to the Eastern Conference semi-finals against Montreal. The



Lightning centre Cedric Paquette brings down the Red Wings' Danny DeKeyser during Game 7 of their first-round playoff series on Wednesday night in Tampa. CHRIS O'MEARA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Canadiens host Game 1 on Friday night.

The Red Wings outshot the Lightning 31-17, but Bishop wasn't tested a lot in posting his first career playoff shutout. Coburn was obtained from Philadelphia in a trade March 2 and

had one goal in 43 games for Tampa Bay during the regular season.

Tyler Johnson's third two-goal game of the series helped the Lightning even the series with a 5-2 victory in Detroit on Monday night. With Red Wings defence-

man Niklas Kronwall suspended for Game 7 for a hit on Nikita Kucherov, the Lightning felt good heading back to Amalie Arena, where they posted the NHL's best home record this season.

But after winning the series opener, as well as shutting out

the Lightning in Game 5 on the road, Detroit liked its chances of advancing, too.

The Red Wings outshot the Lightning 14-7 in the first period, but had few real scoring opportunities early against Bishop.

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BALTIMORE

O's beat ChiSox in empty stadium

The cheers from the small group of Orioles fans gathered outside the locked gates beyond centre field echoed throughout an empty Camden Yards every time the home team scored a run.

There was no roar of the crowd inside the ballpark on this surreal day.

In what was believed to be the first major-league game played without fans in attendance, Chris Davis hit a three-run homer in a six-run first inning Wednesday and the Baltimore Orioles beat the Chicago White Sox 8-2.

"It was kind of like instructional league, Gulf Coast League, Arizona League," Orioles manager Buck Showalter said of the lack of fans.

The game was closed to fans out of concern for their safety following recent rioting in Baltimore after 25-year-old Freddie Gray died in police custody.

The unusual decision to play the game was made because it was the best time to fill out the schedule for both teams.

Baltimore won its third straight since snapping a five-game losing streak.

"It was just a surreal environment," White Sox manager Robin Ventura said. "I really don't think we want to play in another one like this. I don't think they do either."

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IN BRIEF

Abdul-Jabbar hospitalized two weeks after surgery

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar has briefly returned to the hospital two weeks after undergoing quadruple coronary bypass surgery, but his business manager says it was just a precaution and the NBA's career scoring leader is doing fine.

Deborah Morales says the 68-year-old Abdul-Jabbar experienced a heart irregularity of some kind Wednesday morning and was examined by doctors at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center in Los Angeles. She says he didn't have any chest pain.

Morales says the Hall of Famer was examined and released after about an hour, was feeling fine and resting comfortably at home. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rumour has it Wiggins will be rookie of the year

Canadian Andrew Wiggins started his NBA career at the front of his rookie class. He finished his first season there, too.

The Minnesota Timberwolves' forward, from Vaughan, Ont., will be named rookie of the year on Thursday, a person with knowledge of the announcement told The Associated Press on Wednesday night. The person requested anonymity because an official announcement has not been made. Wiggins averaged 16.9 points and 4.6 rebounds while playing all 82 games as a rookie and averaged 39 minutes per game for a team that was routinely missing five, six, even eight players a night to injury over the last four months. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Horford, Teague keep plucky Brooklyn at bay

Al Horford and Jeff Teague scored 20 points apiece, helping the top-seeded Atlanta Hawks hold off a resilient Brooklyn Nets 107-97 Wednesday night in an NBA playoff series that's closer than anyone envisioned.

Shaking off a dislocated finger, Horford flew around the court in the fourth quarter when it looked like Brooklyn was on the verge of bouncing all the way back from an early 17-point deficit. In the final minute, Teague darted into the lane for a couple of baskets that helped the Hawks seal another hard-fought victory. Atlanta leads 3-2 in the best-of-seven series, which heads back to Brooklyn for Game 6 Friday night.

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Huge paydays win or lose

BOXING

Money is front and centre in Mayweather-Pacquiao fight

His middle name is Money, or at least it used to be before Floyd Mayweather Jr. stopped flashing \$100,000 wads of cash every time he saw a camera.

That doesn't mean money is ever very far from his mind.

Certainly not now, when he's the richest man in the richest fight ever.

Mayweather has spent as much time this week talking about the mansion in Las Vegas, the home in Miami and the private jet that seats 14 than he has about Manny Pacquiao.

He even figured out the math when it comes to dividing it up among his kids.

"Let's say I make \$200 million," Mayweather said. "That means my kids for this fight will get \$50 million apiece. I think I made a smart move."

Indeed, Mayweather proved a smart businessman in signing for a fight that will likely earn him \$180 million or more.

But the smartest thing he may have done was delay Saturday's fight five years so it would be must-see TV, even at a



Floyd Mayweather Jr., left, and Manny Pacquiao couldn't be brought to scowls for photos at a news conference on Wednesday in Las Vegas. JOHN LOCHER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

record price of \$99.95.

"Five years ago this was a \$50 million fight for me," Mayweather said, "and a \$20 million fight for him."

The frenzy for the boxing's biggest event of the century continued to build Wednesday, even if the two


At the end of the day my daughter can't eat no zero.

Floyd Mayweather Jr. on his unbeaten record (47-0)

fighters themselves were very subdued. They appeared at a final prefight press conference with nothing bad to say about each other, and couldn't even bring themselves to scowl for pictures.

If the past five years were personal, with the two camps

trading barbs, the fight itself is not. Pacquiao will be fighting for his legacy and a country desperate for him to win, while Mayweather will be fighting to add to his already substantial bank accounts.

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SOCCER — CONCACAF FINAL

Bendetto breaks Montreal hearts

Dario Bendetto scored three goals and Oribe Peralta added another as Club America of Mexico ended the Montreal Impact's CONCACAF Champions League dream with a 4-2 victory on Wednesday night.

Club America, after a 1-1 draw in the first leg last week, won the two-game final 5-3 on aggregate.

It was America's first victory in the Champions League era (since 2009), but the Mexico City side had won the previous version of the competition five times. They will take part in the Club World Cup in Japan in December.

Andres Romero and substitute Jack McNerney scored for Montreal, which was the first Canadian team to reach the final after dramatic wins in the quarter-finals over Mexico's Pachuca and Costa Rica's Alajuelense.

A capacity crowd of 61,004



Club America's Dario Bendetto hit a hat-trick

NICHOLAS KAMM/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

had Olympic Stadium vibrating even before the kickoff as the Impact fans' "Allez Montreal" song drowned a sizable contingent of America supporters.

Mexico's biggest club were perhaps dazzled by the atmosphere early on, but dominated possession and carved Montreal's defence apart with four goals in the second half.

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Cook time: 15 minutes
Serving size: 4

Ingredients

- 4 oz boneless chicken breast (about 1 breast)
- 12 oz tortellini
- 1/3 cup pesto
- 2 Tbsp grated Parmesan cheese

Directions

1. In a small, nonstick skillet lightly coated with cooking spray, add the chicken and sauté for 4 minutes per side or just until no longer pink. Let cool, then dice.

2. Meanwhile, boil the tortellini for 8 minutes or until just tender. Drain and place in a serving bowl. Add the chicken, pesto and Parmesan cheese and toss well.

Nutrition information per serving

- Calories 354
- Protein 20 g
- Carbohydrates 41 g
- Fibre 1.8 g
- Total fat 12 g
- Saturated fat 4.9 g
- Cholesterol 56 mg
- Sodium 548 mg

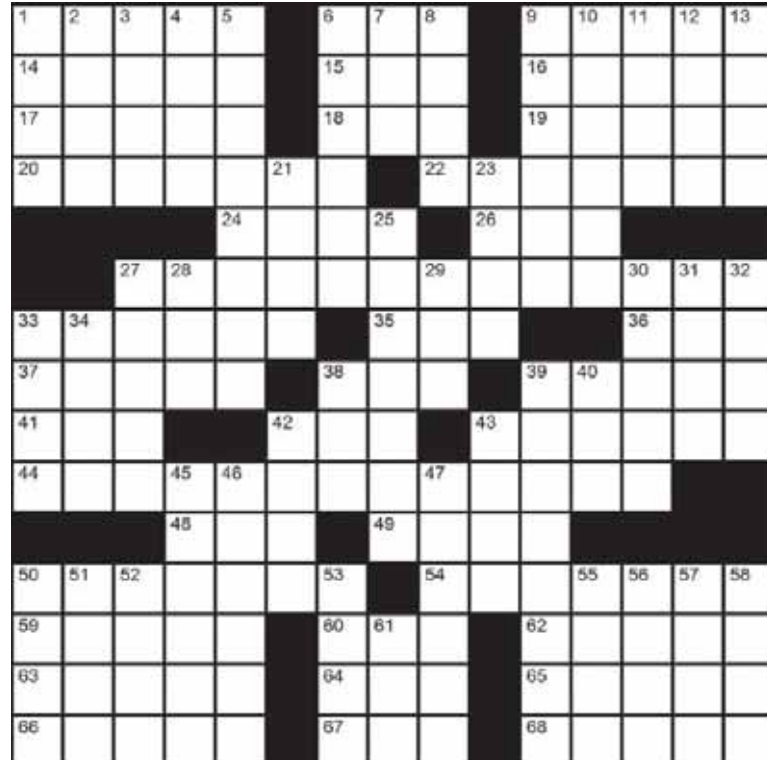
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ACROSS

- Mont _ (Highest Alps peak)
- More, in Madrid
- Nimble
- Juliet's beloved
- English cathedral city
- Olympic legend Ms. Comaneci
- Forest floor finding
- CNN's sister station
- Wedding wear
- Wedding gown fabric
- John __, portrayer of #59-Across' love interest
- Stops
- Ess follower
- Author of new handbook The Wedding Expert: 400 Things You Need to Know to Plan Your Big Day: 2 wds. (More at #66-Across!)
- Inclines
- Rug kind
- Expend
- Also: French
- Nightfall
- Outspoken
- Ms. DiFranco
- Poet's 'previously'
- Support
- Stag: 2 wds.
- Ocean, e.g.
- __ sign (Real estate posting)
- Has ambitions
- "The Wedding



- __" (2001) starring Jennifer Lopez
59. As per #39-Down... Nia's character
60. Coffee alternative
62. Depart
63. Well-__ machine
64. Listener

65. Hall & __
66. Today's __ (Canadian magazine for which #27-Across is the Editor-in-Chief)
67. "Tsk!"
68. Like the empty wallet's money

DOWN

- Bric-a-__
- Scottish lake
- Quant __ (For my part, in French)
- Hasbro toy brand
- Tossed fun celebrating the newlyweds
- Henna-on-hands artwork
- Entirely
- Spike show, "Lip __ Battle"
- Ms. Martin, portrayer of #59-Across' aunt
- Attired
- Idea: French
- Wedding guests compilation
- The __ Coast

- Belonging to Toronto's li'l province
- Other: Spanish
- Some catering staff
- General
- Nav. designation
- TTFN
- Fortunate
- Biblical twin
- Puppy's protest!
- Fashion designer Elie
- Moon goddess
- 'Ranch' suffix
- Nia __, Canadian writer/star of "My Big Fat Greek Wedding" (2002)
- Libran's mo.
- Montreal pronoun
- Grand event
- Heralded
- __ (Online brokerage company)
- Andy Warhol's realm: 2 wds.
- Getting from __ (First step's progress)
- Evening: French
- Dog with a cord-like coat
- Proofreading term
- Tide type
- Decorator Mr. Berkus
- __-steven
- Inactivity
- Water: French

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20

A problem with most likely resolve itself if you stop worrying about it so much. Mercury's imminent change of sign will help you to focus your thoughts on more constructive issues.

Taurus April 21 - May 21

You have come a long way in a short space of time and will go even further over the next few weeks. But first make sure you are still on the right track. Don't lose sight of your long-term goals.

Gemini May 22 - June 21

Your ruler Mercury moves into your sign tomorrow and within a matter of hours you will feel the difference in a number of ways. Put the past behind you once and for all and focus only on the bright days to come, of which there will be many.

Cancer June 22 - July 23

No matter what happens today you must remember at all times and in all situations that you are not a victim. You alone have the power to change things for the better. Be positive at every turn.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23

For too long now you have been worrying about your career, your reputation and your place in the world and neglecting the things that bring you happiness, such as friends and family and travel. It's time to restore a more sensible balance.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Career matters will take a turn for the better over the next few days but to make the most of events you will need a positive attitude. Get rid of those feelings of inferiority.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Despite what some people might believe you rarely think only of yourself and you will get the chance to prove it over the next two or three days. You are at your best when fighting on the side of truth and justice. But always fight fair.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You may resent having to pay for something that you feel is yours by right but don't make an issue of it. If you manage to change things you may find others deny you in other ways out of spite.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

A dispute of some kind will come to the boil over the next few days but in a way that's good because all these negative feelings are not doing you any favours. Once the air has cleared you can move on again.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

It is one thing to dream but quite another to turn dreams into reality. Start thinking now about how you can take practical steps to make your current dream come true.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

It does not matter how many things have gone wrong in the past, the things that really matter will start to go right as from tomorrow when mind planet Mercury moves in your favour. Believe that life is worth living - and it will be.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20

If you have something important to say you are advised to keep it short and sweet. The people you have to deal with, especially at work, will lose interest quickly if you spin things out too long.

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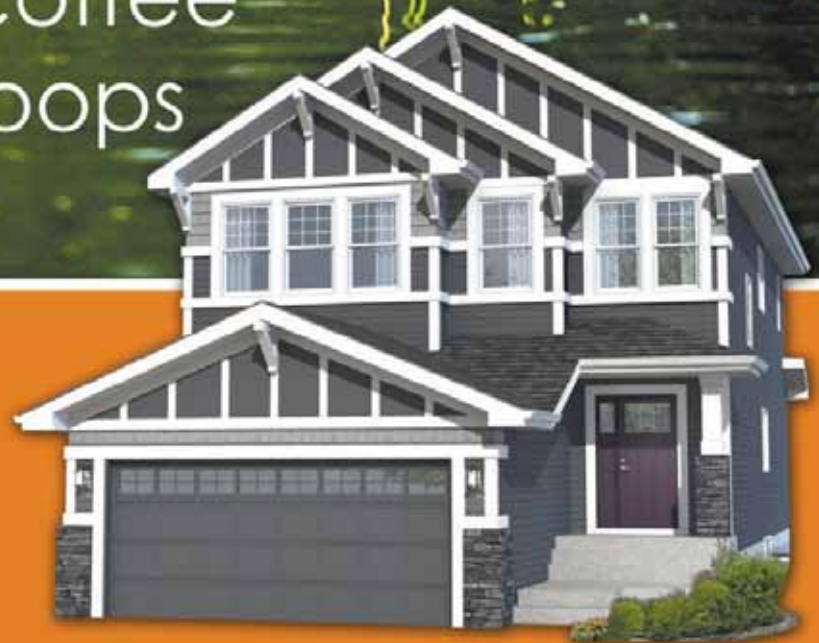


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